



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KIYOFUMI SAKAGUCHI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/161,774

Filed: September 29, 1998

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE

September 22, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 98-100, line 2 in each, change "1" to

Claim 101, line 2, change "4" to --100--.

Claim 103, line 2, before "97" insert --claim--.

REMARKS

Claims 97-104 are now pending and were submitted in a Second Preliminary Amendment dated today. As indicated in